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- [X] Form PTO-1449 (1 page) listing four (4) references, enclosing three (3).

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Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to the Applicants in order to comply with the Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

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Any document listed on the attached PTO-1449 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding European application. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language documents has not been provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

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	A1	3,360,953	01/02/1968	Dieckmann	62	249	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							YES	NO
	A2	CH 440 349	07/31/1967	Switzerland	F 25 d			No
	A3	CH 427 866	01/15/1967	Switzerland	F 25 d			No

OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

	A4	European Patent Office, Supplementary European Search Report, EP 02 79 7743, October 12, 2004 (2 pages).						

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